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HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on the one part, and the Senates of the Free Hanseatic Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, (each State for itself separately,) on the other part, being desirous of improving and extending the commercial intercourse between their respective subjects and citizens, have, with this view, and in conformity with the stipulations of the VIIIth Article of the Convention of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and the Free Hanseatic Republicks, signed at London on the 29th of September, 1825, resolved to conclude a Convention, which shall be considered as Supplementary to the above-mentioned Convention of 1825.

Her Britannick Majesty and the said Free Hanseatic Republicks have therefore named as their Plenipotentiaries for this purpose, that is to say:—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable Henry John Viscount Palmerston, Baron Temple, a Peer of Ireland, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, a Member of Parliament, and Her Britannick Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

And the Senates of the Free Hanseatic Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, Edward Banks, Doctor of Laws, a Member of the Senate and one of the Syndicks of the Free Hanseatic City of Hamburgh, &c., &c.

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective Full Powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

The Senates of the Free Hanseatic Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, hereby agree, that British vessels coming from countries not being part of the Dominions of Her Britannick Majesty, shall henceforward, together with their cargoes, be admitted into the Ports of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh; and such vessels shall, on their admission, pay dues not higher nor other than those which shall be paid, in similar circumstances, by vessels belonging to Lubeck, Bremen, or Hamburgh; and the duties to be paid upon the cargoes of such British vessels shall not be higher nor other, than if such cargoes had been imported in vessels belonging to Lubeck, Bremen, or Hamburgh. And in consideration

thereof, Her Britannick Majesty agrees that, from and after the date of the exchange of the Ratifications of this present Convention, the vessels of the said Free Hanseatic Republicks of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, when coming from Hanseatic ports, shall, together with their cargoes, be admitted into the ports of all Her Britannick Majesty's Possessions; and such vessels shall, on their admission, pay dues not higher nor other, than those which shall be paid, in similar circumstances, by British vessels; and the duties to be paid upon the cargoes of such Hanseatic vessels, shall not be higher nor other, than if such cargoes had been imported in British vessels.

ARTICLE II.

In consideration of the privileges extended to British trade and navigation, by the First Article of the present Convention, Her Britannick Majesty further agrees, that all goods, wares, and merchandize, being the produce of the States of the Free Hanseatic Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, or of the other States of the Germanick Confederation, or of the States comprized in the Germanick Union of Customs, and which may be imported in any foreign vessels, from the ports of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, or from any port situated on the Elbe or Weser, into the ports of the British Possessions abroad, including Gibraltar and Malta, shall also be permitted to be imported from the said ports of the Free Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, into the ports of the said British Possessions abroad, (including Gibraltar and Malta,) in vessels belonging to Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, built, owned, and navigated, as stipulated in the Fifth Article of the Convention of Commerce and Navigation, concluded on the 29th of September, 1825, between Great Britain, on the one part, and the Free Hanseatic Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, on the other part; and such goods, wares, and merchandize, being the produce of the Free Hanseatic Republicks, or of the other States of the Germanick Confederation, or of the States of the Germanick Union of Customs, and so imported in Hanseatic vessels, into the ports of the said British Possessions abroad, (including Gibraltar and Malta,) and all goods, wares, and merchandize, exported in Hanseatic vessels, built, owned, and navigated as aforesaid, from the ports of the British Possessions abroad, (including Gibraltar and Malta,) to any foreign country whatever, shall pay no other or higher duties, than if the same were imported or exported in British vessels.

ARTICLE III.

The present Convention, which shall be considered as Supplementary to the Convention concluded between Great Britain and the Free Hanseatic Republicks on the 29th of September, 1825, shall be ratified, and the Ratifications shall be exchanged at London, as soon as possible within the space of six weeks.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at London, the third day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

PALMERSTON. (L.S.)

BANKS. (L.S.)